GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF COAL WASHERIES IN COALFIELDS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has invited applications to set up coal washeries in the coalfields for the supply of washedcoal to Thermal Power Plants under 'Build-Own- Operate' concept;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of parties which have expressed their interest to set up coal washeries in the coalfields; and

(d) the terms and conditions proposed and finalised for them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) :Yes,Sir.

(b): Expression of interest was issued to know the interest of the prospective investors and coal consumers in the power sector and the preliminary assessment of technical capability and financial soundness of their companies /firms (globally) for setting up of coal washeries under Built-Own- Operate(BOO)concept with internationally practiced modern and state-of-the-art technology for optimum yield of washed coal. CIL may provide land on lease basis, water during construction, railway siding on chargeable basis subject to availability, through consumers.

The details of the requisite technical experience with regard to planning & design, construction and operation of coal washery or ore/mineral beneficiation plant along with their financial capabilities (annual turnover, net profit, net worth etc.) either in the name of the prospective investors or in the name of their collaborators, details of consortium/collaboration if any, broad outline o f likely association/collaboration for this work, details of coal linkage etc. may be submitted by them by 30th November,2003/ 1st week of December,2003 to Chairman-cum-Managing Directors of concerned subsidiaries.

Arrangement of land for disposal of rejects as per the environmental norms would be the responsibility of the B-O-O investors. B-O-O investors would wash the coal on behalf of the consumers and thus finalisation of washing charges would be with coal consumers only. The interested investors have been advised to contact the CMD'sof the subsidiary companies of CIL in case they require further details. In the notice inviting the expression of interest, the approximate washing capacity proposed to be created at the six subsidiary Cos. of CIL were also indicated.

(c) : As the last date of receipt of offers is end of November,2003 it is not possible to give the names of parties at this stage

(d) : The broad terms and conditions for setting up of washeries under the BOO concept is given in thereply to part (b) of the question.